

St Bartholomew's Church Great Gransden

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PCC FABRIC AND FINANCE 6 JULY 2016

Present: The Reverend Catharine Furlong, Tony Bevens, George Donovan,, Andrew Fogg, Rachel Fogg, Mark Gostick, Jane Middleton, Iain Strath, Jennifer Wilkinson

Apologies: Rob Chignell, Guy Davis, Donald Lester and Andy Greaves

The Reverend Catharine Furlong welcomed everybody and opened the meeting with prayers.

1 Minutes of the APC Meeting held on 19 April 2016

The minutes of the meeting were approved & signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising:

Minute 11(i) A Safeguarding & Child Protection Officer was required to replace Philip George.

Minute 11(iii) Discussions with regard to future youth work were continuing.

2 Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on 16 March 2016

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed as a correct record

Matters Arising

(a) A letter of thanks had been received following the donation of £50 to support the appeal to establish a training centre for bell ringing at Stretham near Ely.

(b) A second estimate for the renovation of the churchwarden's chest had been sought and was still awaited.

Action: Rachel Fogg

(c) The charitable payments of £400 to US and Mind were to be made at the end of 2016.

Action: Andrew Fogg

(d) The donation of £50 to Jane Logan, the Assistant Diocesan Secretary, had been made.

(e) Stephanie Norris has been appointed as our new church inspecting architect.

(f) The PCC extended their grateful thanks to Rachel Fogg for the splendid work she had undertaken in overseeing a very successful summer fete.

3 Treasurer's Report

A written report was presented by Andrew Fogg, a copy of which is on file.

- (a) Cambridge Heritage Churches Trust loan repayments of £7500 are required to be paid over the next three years.
- (b) Funds would also be required to meet any uninsured expenditure on the roof, following the attempted theft damage, & for the next Quinquennial inspection due this year.
- (c) The PCC recorded their grateful thanks to Andrew Fogg for his report.

4 Fabric Report

A written report was presented by Rachel Fogg, a copy of which is on file.

- (a) A check on the condition of the lightning conductor revealed that no work was needed.
- (b) The Southside tree work had been undertaken by the Parish Council.
- (c) The church insurers had confirmed that a claim could be made for damage & initial repair to the roof following the attempted lead theft. The damaged timbers exposed by the theft will require repair but will not be eligible for an insurance claim.
- (d) In order to ensure eligibility for future insurance claims a roof alarm was required. Such an alarm would also require the services of a security company to receive any nighttime call-outs. Members were informed of estimates for a roof alarm that had been requested & of the likely cost of both these items.

Proposed by George Donovan & Seconded by Andrew Fogg,
it was agreed that we should proceed with the purchase of a roof alarm & the services of a nighttime security alarm response service.

The PCC delegated authority to the Standing Committee the decision on the most appropriate alarm system & to proceed as soon as possible with the installation.

- (e) A Gift Day on 1 October 2016 is to be organised in order to raise funds to meet the cost of the roof alarm & roof repair costs. The Heritage Churches Trust would grant £1000 towards these costs but a wider appeal for funds would be necessary. A notice detailing the Gift Day arrangements is to be placed in Roundabout.

Action: Rachel Fogg

5 Report & Discussion of Meeting with the Archdeacon

- (a) The PCC discussed the various matters raised at the above meeting including the possibility & the benefits for both clergy & laity of one PCC for all four parishes.
- (b) An invitation was to be extended to the Ministry & Outreach committee members of the four parishes to a joint meeting on 13 September 2016.
- (c) Further consideration is to be given to better communication & action to achieve closer collaboration between the four parishes.

6 Church Events and Key Dates

8 October at 7pm A concert in Great Gransden Church by Douglas Coombes & ensemble of friends arranged by the Mission & Outreach Committee.

6/7 August Performance of *Jim's War* in Great Gransden Church

10 Date of the Next Meeting

PCC Fabric & Finance	8 November 2016	7.30pm	Barnabas Oley
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The meeting closed at 8.45pm with prayers.

Signed

Reverend Catharine Furlong